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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 19

4 January 1949

1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Dunn	State
Dr. Appleton	State
Col. Ahalt	Army
Capt. Field	Army
Lt. Col. Dellority	Navy
Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
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2. Capt. Fields explained briefly the recent reorganization of the Intelligence Group, Intelligence Division, GSUSA. The Group Headquarters contains a Basic Intelligence Section, which will coordinate all policy and requirements matters relating to basic intelligence. The members of this Section are as follows:

Col. Ahalt	Chief
Mr. Tucker	Military matters
Maj. Davis	" "
Mr. Irwin	Economic and political matters
	Information control
Mr. Stone	

The members of the previously appointed coordinating staff designated to carry on the work of chapter coordination and conduct working level liaison remain unchanged. The main elements of the remainder of the Intelligence Group are as follows: Collection Branch, Dissemination Branch, Special Research Branch, Military Branch, and Logistics Branch.

3. Copies of the December Progress Report of the Basic Intelligence Group were distributed to the members. The following points regarding this Report were explained:

- It reflects only G/Ba action (editing and publication) concerning basic intelligence, not that of the IAC Agencies.
- The publication schedule shown refers only to JANIS and does not reflect the total publication capabilities of

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CIA: as elements of NIS become ready for publication, they will be fitted into the schedule and included in subsequent reports.

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5. The following requests by State for changes in submission dates shown on the FY 1949 Production Schedule were approved:

NIS No. 86 (Venezuela)	-	Chapter V	from April to July 1949
" " 26 (USSR)	-	" IV	" March to April 1949
" " " "	-	" V	" May to June 1949
" " 11 (Sweden)	-	" IV (less Sec. 45)*	from June to Feb 1949
" " " "	-	" V	from Feb to June 1949
" " 39 (China)	-	" IV	" Feb to June 1949

*Section 45 (Army contribution) will be submitted in June 1949.

6. It was announced that the Army Planner (Col. Williams) had informally expressed the opinion that Chapters IV and VI of NIS No. 65 (Alaska) would not be required. However, it was decided to defer further action regarding these chapters until after the coming meeting of the [REDACTED] (see Minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 18).

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7. It was pointed out that the proposed policies (NIS Committee Meeting No. 17) regarding dissemination of NIS to non-IAC Agencies and private institutions are really not new policies but principles clarifying the application of policies already established. All Agencies approved these principles. Members agreed to render statements of approval in writing.

8. The Committee approved the omission of sections on merchant marine and navy from JANIS No. 40. Reasons for this omission: material is out-dated; improved material will appear shortly in NIS No. 26 (USSR).

9. A new procedure regarding the handling of ad hoc requests for BGN name clearance was explained. Where Agencies have had to begin NIS production on areas for which no gazetteers have been published, they

submit ad hoc lists of names through G/Ba to BGN for clearance. In the past there have been duplications of requests by the same Agency and even of the same office of the Agency. Also deadlines for filling requests have frequently been so short as to render compliance impossible, although BGN is now prepared to expedite action on these requests. The new procedure is as follows:

a. Agencies are to be anticipatory in framing their requests and get them in to G/Ba in such time as reasonably to permit BGN to meet deadlines.

b. Agencies are to take the coordinating action necessary to ensure that duplication of requests is eliminated.

c. Wherever feasible, requests should be submitted on maps: this method greatly expedites the performance of BGN.

d. In general, requests should be confined to names for graphic material: text names can be cleared in the process of BGN name editing.

10. It was announced that G/Ba will publish in mimeograph form a series of memoranda embodying ad hoc decisions on interim operating procedures. These memoranda will be numbered serially. The series will be kept up to date by revisions and rescissions from time to time. The following are Agency requirements for these memoranda:

State	25	copies
Army	40	"
Navy	5	"
Air Force	25	"

Agencies are to advise G/Ba from time to time as to changes in the number of copies required.

11. It was announced that all Chapters IX scheduled for production in FY 1949 will be produced as complete chapters.

12. It was agreed that, because of limitations in printing capabilities and funds and because of the inherent intelligence nature of the project, the distribution of the Preliminary Gazetteers should be very largely restricted to the intelligence agencies and their direct collaborators.

The Preliminary Gazetteer - USSR will be issued in three parts and will comprise a total of eight volumes. Part I - USSR (Place Names - Western USSR) is now being printed. There will be a run of 1,500 complete gazetteers. The distribution to IAC Agencies will be as follows:

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State	65	gazetteers
Army	400	"
Navy	350	"
Air Force	200	"

After issuance of the above and small miscellaneous distribution, there will be a reserve of several hundred gazetteers. This reserve is necessary because it is by no means certain that requirements as known at this time are firm and it is highly undesirable, because of limited reproduction capabilities, to have a second printing of any Preliminary Gazetteer.


13. The question of why the gazetteer should be classified even as low as RESTRICTED was raised. It was thought that any classification at all would tend to diminish the usability of the gazetteer. In reply, the following points were made:

a. The gazetteer has been made an integral part of the NIS Program and is used very intimately in connection with NIS production.

b. Until a considerable number of gazetteers will have been produced, an unauthorized person could deduce from the order of appearance of gazetteers the general order (classified SECRET) of production of NIS and, to a lesser extent, the priority (classified TOP SECRET) of Joint Staff planning.

c. It is intended, after so many gazetteers will have been published as to make negligible the possibility of deductions of the type mentioned above, to remove all classification and allow BGN to make general dissemination.


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